GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION AUTHORITY
Nikhil Kumar Shri

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an empowered Group of Ministers (GoM) has recently approved the setting up of a Unique Identification Authority that would facilitate the process of giving multipurpose identity cards to all citizens;and

(b) if so,the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) in its 4th meeting held on 4th November,2008, approved the constitution of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in the Planning Commission with a small core Team both at the Central and State level,for the purpose of creating a Unique Identity database of all residents of the country.The EGoM has not taken any decision with respect to giving multipurpose identity cards to the citizens.